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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF FRANKLIN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1859.

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REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows :

Outstanding taxes for 1856,.....	\$85 09
do " " 1857,.....	553 14
Received from the Poor Farm for two oxen and steer,	140 00
Railroad tax,.....	536 81
Literary fund,.....	115 40
State, county, town, and school tax,.....	3613 09
Non-resident after deducting highway re-	
ceipts,.....	205 32
Sales of liquor profit,.....	17 75
of Simeon Brow, for staves,.....	17 60
of Dr. Vail, highway tax, 1857,.....	11 25
for county paupers, 1857,.....	82 34
money hired of Abigail B. Walker, April	
1, 1858,.....	1200 00
County of Merrimack for paupers,.....	40 53
City of Manchester,.....	27 00
from the Town Farm,.....	11 00
School house taxes for 1858, No. 8,.....	32 85
" " " " " No. 5,.....	229 22
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	\$6918 39

Which is accounted for as follows :

Paid outstanding claims

Mark Colbath, Exeter, damage on Republican	
bridge,	\$100 00
Ira Greeley, for damage on a horse, on the Shaw	
road,	107 54
Benjamin Judkins, for wood for Widow Shurbern,	80
Stillman Sevrance, for breaking road in 1857-58,	8 00
Jones & Cogswell, printing town report,.....	14 00
Nathaniel M. Colby, for enrolling N. H. Militia,	
1857,	7 00
John H. Rowell, due as per report 1858,.....	127 88
School District No. 3,.....	25 00
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	\$390 22

Town Expenses, 1858.

Paid B. M. Prescott, taking care engine house,.....	\$5 00
Parker Lyon, for books, &c.,.....	3 71
taking inventory,.....	3 10
to going to Exeter; expenses and time,.....	3 50
to going to Concord, to pay Mrs. Johnson,.....	2 00
to going to Concord, to get check-list printed,..	1 50
E. C. Stone, for services town clerk,.....	11 35
engine men,.....	58 50
J. H. Rowell, as Treasurer,.....	12 00
expenses to Andover,.....	1 20
Express bill,.....	13
Toney's deposition,.....	50
expense and time to Concord, after pauper claims,	4 70
Mrs. P. Gove, deposition,.....	50
postage,.....	27
Clement's deposition,.....	50
expenses to Manchester and Concord, two days,	6 00
time, and taking deposition at Andover,.....	1 00
Henry Burley, as Selectman,.....	52 00
Lorenzo D. Stevens, ".....	30 00
Horace P. Eaton, ".....	28 69
Jonathan Leavitt, for collecting, 1857,.....	4 88
board of Selectmen, horses and room,.....	15 00
city of Concord, and expenses after the Ash family,.....	3 30
expense settling with Northfield,.....	2 25
Jonathan Leavitt, for collecting for 1858,.....	45 58
Jasper Cilley, taking care town house and clock,	4 17
Gust Walker, for rope for town clock,.....	3 45

 \$304 78
Roads and Bridges, 1858.

Paid Valentine Sargent, on bridge, Dist. No. 1,....	\$13 50
Benjamin Wells, for timber and work,.....	4 85
Walter Burley, for plank,.....	9 25
S. E. Bickford, painting guide boards,.....	4 38
Eben Colby, for plank and timber,.....	48 46
Horace Judkins, for plank,.....	3 78
Charles H. Clark, for work and lumber on Cross bridge,.....	7 56
Charles H. Clark, for work and lumber,.....	19 31
Lester Collins, for plank,.....	9 64

Paid James Jackman, for work on bridge,	\$1 44
George G. Wardsworth, for work and lumber,...	4 33
James L. Peabody, for lumber,.....	38 47
A. G. Morrison, for plank,.....	1 29
Henry Burley, for plank,	3 40
Daniel S. Woodward, for timber,.....	2 75
Henry Burley, on Sanborn bridge,	1 50
David F. Thompson, on Sanborn bridge,.....	5 25
Hazen Call,.....	9 99
Jonathan Leavitt,	4 50
H. Fifield, lighting Republican bridge,	13 00
James Colburn, oil for bridge,	1256
L. D. Stevens, for plank,	2 54
J. Ward Fifield, for plank,.....	1 54
Jonathan Leavitt, work on road,.....	14 00

\$237 29

External Poor.

Paid D. H. Clement, for Anna Sanborn,.....	\$9 75
Mary T. Peabody, for nursing Mrs. Cullen,....	14 29
Rebecca Peabody, for boarding Mrs. Cullen and family, and funeral charges,	17 00
J. F. Daniel, for Mrs. Cullen's family,.....	3 77
N. H. Sanborn, for Mrs. Cullen,.....	8 37
S. B. Kelley, for services,.....	17 50
L. M. Knight, for services,.....	17 50
D. H. Clement, for Anna Sanborn,.....	11 25
L. M. Knight, for Toney,.....	6 00
L. B. Kelley, for Toney,	17 00
City of Concord, for Mrs. Ash's family,.....	3 75
for Widow Shurbern, for wood,	11 50

\$137 68

Incidental Expenses.

Paid Literary Institute,.....	\$21 36
A. H. Martin,.....	18 00
William T. Savage,.....	24 75

\$64 11

State and County Taxes.

Paid State tax for 1858,.....	\$373 80
County, "	833 72

\$1207 52

County Paupers.

Paid S. B. Kelley,	\$12 75
Eben Fellows,	23 38
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	\$36 13

School House Taxes for 1858.

Paid Abner Kimball, No. 8,	\$24 00
Hazen H. Call, No. 5,	208 00
Samuel Quimby, No. 2, outstanding,	122 00
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	\$354 00

Poor Farm, 1858.

Paid Isaiah Johnston, bbl. flour,	\$8 44
R. Beekman, for blacksmithing,	9 07
Henry Burley, for six sheep,	12 00
for pasturing two oxen,	9 00
“ “ two three year old steers,	5 00
George Brigham, for shoe-making,	3 87
Lyman Cheeney, for mason work,	3 62
Ormon Gale, for pasturing sheep,	5 29
J. F. Daniel, for goods,	2 85
Harvey N. Ingalls,	10 61
Thomas W. Call,	200 00
Horace P. Eaton,	2 42
Store, Division 740,	36 80
Daniel Gilchrist,	47 49
James Colburn,	19 73
N. H. Sanborn,	73 63
John White,	22 89
C. & E. C. Stone,	15 13
J. G. Carlton,	64
J. T. Norton,	3 25
John Colby,	30 67
Jonathan Pike, 2 oxen & two 3 year old steers,	130 00
Eb. R. Heath, for a coat,	1 62
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	\$654 02

Statement of Poor Farm for 1858.

Inventory for 1858,	\$1004 91
Sundry bills including Warden's wages, ...	652 40
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	\$1657 31
Inventory for 1859,	\$1036 81
Due for county paupers,	10 00
Cash for produce,	11 00

Cash for oxen and three year old steer,..	\$130 00	
		<u>\$1187 81</u>

Expense of the town farm.....	\$469 50
Paid James M. Glines, note and interest,.....	\$119 94
Mary Johnston,.....	1113 25

OUTSTANDING NOTES.

Noah M. Proctor,.....	\$500 00
Polly M. Eaton,.....	250 00
Eben Morrison, for B. F. Eastman,	810 00
B. F. Eastman,.....	225 00
A. Farley,.....	1000 00
Abigail B. Walker,.....	1200 00
Interest estimated on the above notes,	717 00

\$4702 00

Outstanding school money in Dist. No. 3,.....	100 00
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Abatement of School House Tax, 1857.

School District No. 2,.....	6 65
“ “ “ 10,	7 17
“ “ “ 5, 1858,	2 40

\$16 22

Abatement of taxes, 1857,.....	\$32 83
“ “ “ 1858,.....	41 23

School Tax, 1858.

School District, No. 1,.....	\$161 08
“ “ “ 2,	91 14
“ “ “ 3,	426 84
“ “ “ 4,	72 85
“ “ “ 5,	98 46
“ “ “ 6,	61 77
“ “ “ 7,	27 38
“ “ “ 8,	63 81
“ “ “ 9,	64 20
“ “ “ 10,	273 57

\$1341 10

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received of the Treasurer,.....	\$6918 39
Which is accounted for as follows :	
Paid outstanding claims,.....	\$390 22
Town expenses,.....	304 78
Roads and bridges,.....	237 29
External poor,.....	137 68
School houses,.....	354 00
Outstanding taxes, 1856,	85 09
“ “ 1857,.....	17 68
“ “ 1858,.....	389 53
Non-residents receipts for highway,.....	8 85
Incidental expense,.....	64 11
County paupers,	36 13
State tax,	373 80
County tax,.....	833 72
J. M. Gline's note,	119 94
Mary Johnston,	1113 25
Town farm,	654 02
Abatement of taxes, 1858,.....	41 23
“ “ “ 1857,.....	32 89
“ “ School house tax, 1857, No. 2,	6 65
“ “ “ “ “ “ No. 10,	7 17
“ “ “ “ “ 1858, No. 5,	2 40
School money,.....	1341 10
	<hr/> \$6551 53

In the hands of the Treasurer,..... \$366 86

All of which is respectfully submitted :

HENRY BURLEY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
LORENZO D. STEVENS,	
HORACE P. EATON,	

of
Franklin.

The undersigned, Auditor of accounts for the year ending March 1st, 1859, for the town of Franklin, has carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN S. JEWELL, *Auditor.*

Inmates at the Alms House, and time there.

Jane Clark,	94 years.	52 weeks.
Betsy Brown,	89 "	52 "
Polly Quimby,	67 "	52 "
John P. Clark,	62 "	52 "
Sally Clark,	53 "	52 "
Rosina Sanborn,	44 "	52 "
Rebecca Jackson,	43 "	52 "
Mary E. Jackson,	11 "	52 "
Frank P. Jackson,	6 "	52 "
Adelia Jackson,	3 "	52 "
Hattie Jackson,	2 "	52 "
Harriet Ash,	22 "	2 "
George N. Ash,	5 "	2 "
Charles L. Ash,	3 "	2 "
Frank Ash,	1 "	2 "
Grace Grounding, }	40 "	2 "
County pauper, }		
Theodore Sanborn,	16 gone.	37 "
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REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee of Franklin, ask leave to submit to the town their annual report :

The past year has been one of prosperity to the public schools.—The whole number of scholars who have attended them, in the ten districts of the town, is, 441 ; the average attendance being 234. The whole amount appropriated for the support of the schools,—including the sum raised by direct tax, the avails of the Literary fund, and \$100 from the Railroad tax,—is \$1341 10 ; being \$3 04 for each scholar attending school. Of this amount, the avails of the Literary fund and \$100, have been divided equally among the schools of the town. The remainder has been apportioned according to the valuation of the several districts.

We present the following detailed account of the schools, as kept in all the districts of the town.

DIST. No. 1. The *Summer Term*, of 12 weeks, was kept by Miss HATTIE L. LADD. Average attendance of scholars, 27. Commendable progress was made in the branches taught ; and the Committee have occasion to speak of the teacher, and the school, in terms of approbation only.

The *Winter Term* was kept by Mr. OLIVER L. CROSS. Length, 11 weeks. Average attendance, 28. A superior school, and every way valuable to the scholars and the district. In submitting his Report, Mr. C. says : “ The school has been to me the most pleasant one I ever instructed. The scholars, though young, have been regular and attentive. The parents have shown, by their presence and encouragement, that they know how to co-operate with the teacher in securing the greatest good. Not a single jar has occurred to mar, in the least manner, the social harmony, so extensively prevailing among them. And I can truly say, that my short stay in the district has been to me most pleasant.”

The school house needs to be taken in hand by the citizens of the district, and renovated. It has capabilities for improvement, but is now in a bad condition.

DIST. No. 2. The *Summer Term*, of 8 weeks, was kept by Miss ELIZA J. OLIVER. Average attendance, 15. The teacher says :—“ The parents manifested no interest whatever in the school, this term, and failed to perform the duties belonging to them, in order to make

the school profitable and interesting to the pupils. They sent their children to school, (when they sent them at all,) an hour after the time of commencing school in the morning; kept them from the school nearly one third of the time, and did not visit the school once during the term. The school is very backward, but the moral deportment of the scholars has been highly commendable." This may truly be called "the pursuit of knowledge under difficulties."

The *Winter Term* was kept by Mr. ELMER FRENCH. Length, 8 weeks. Average attendance, 20. Mr. F. is young and of little experience, as yet, in school keeping, but he appears to have been faithful to the scholars intrusted to his care, and, at the final examination, the school obviously had made progress.

The Superintending Committee recommend to the citizens of this District, greater care and zeal in encouraging the teachers, and fostering the interests of the school; assuring them that their efforts will be richly repaid.

DIST. No. 3. The primary school was kept, in its *Summer* and *Winter Terms*, by Miss CAROLINE HANCOCK; each term continuing 20 weeks. Average attendance, in *Summer*, $50\frac{1}{2}$; in *Winter*, 42.—Miss H. has managed her large and difficult charge with tact and kindness; and the Committee accord unto her the expression of their entire satisfaction. The scholars form a beautiful group; and it is of unspeakable importance that their tender minds be shaped aright.—The Committee are happy to believe that the teacher is well qualified to guide them, and that she has been faithful in administering her high trust.

The advanced school was kept, in the *Summer Term*, by Miss ANNETTE HANCOCK. Length, 12 weeks. Average attendance, 35.—Miss H. was successful, as in the previous year, in gaining the attachment of her scholars, and securing their progress in the various branches taught. She has the meed of our approbation. At the final examination, the school appeared well.

The advanced school, in the *Winter Term*, was kept by Mr. CHAS. A. CURRIER. Length, 20 weeks. Average attendance, 49. In their examinations of this large and important school, the Committee found it orderly and well managed. There has been marked improvement in reading, a branch in which many of the scholars have been in the back-ground. The several classes appeared well in their recitations, and the general tone and spirit of the school was good. The only deficiency noticed, was the failure on the part of some, to bring out the voice with sufficient fullness. The teacher appears to have been earnest and assiduous in effort for the advancement of the scholars, and we regard him as having been highly successful.

DIST. No. 4, 5, and 8, are reported by Mr. Martin.

DIST. No. 4. This school was kept by Miss AMANDA M. INGALS, both *Summer* and *Winter Terms*. Length of *Summer* term, 8 weeks; *Winter* term, 11 weeks. Average in *Summer*, 7; in *Winter*, 9.—

The school being small, the teacher was able to devote much time to the different branches taught; and, with a disposition to improve on the part of the scholars, commendable progress was made. Scholars orderly, and all pleasant within, except the miserable room in which the school was kept, which appears more like a prison for culprits, than a suitable place "to teach the young idea how to shoot." I would recommend the building of a better house for this District.

DIST. No. 5. *Summer Term* kept by Miss BETSEY SIMONDS.—Length, 8 weeks. Average attendance, 6. This school needs a Napoleon of a teacher, to infuse into the scholar ambition and courage.—There is a lack of real energy and spirit in this school. However, there was made quite good proficiency in the studies pursued, and all appeared to respect and obey the teacher. In this school, as in many others, the scholar is too low spoken.

Winter Term taught by Mr. DAVID E. BROWN. The school has done well. Decided improvement made in several branches taught, particularly in the reading department. Length, 12 weeks. Average attendance, 15. Mr. Brown, with a little more age and experience in school keeping, will be likely to succeed admirably. A new school house has been erected in this District, during the last year, which is a decided improvement upon the old one.

DIST. No. 6. The *Summer Term* was kept by Miss SARAH H. TUCKER. Length, 7 weeks. Average attendance, 8. The *Winter Term* was kept by Mr. S. C. SPOONER. Length, $6\frac{1}{2}$ weeks. Average attendance, 11. There is nothing special to be noted of this school. The teacher appears to have been faithful, and the improvement moderate. There is an air of neglect about the school house, which should be removed by repairing the structure and making it pleasant. A greater interest taken in the school would benefit all the children and families of the District.

DIST. No. 7. Although the money appropriated to this District has been drawn from the treasury by Mr. Stilman Sevrans, we have received no report of any school kept in the District during the past two years.

DIST. No. 8. *Summer Term* kept by Miss ELIZA H. MERRILL. Length, eight weeks. Average attendance, 12. The teacher, very young, and this being her first effort at teaching, she did not succeed as well in preserving order, and at the same time in securing the respect of the school, as she would have done with a little more age, and a more extended knowledge of human nature. The teacher was ambitious to a fault, and no doubt did her best for the good of the school. She is destined to succeed as a teacher.

Winter Term kept by Mr. J. M. SANBORN. Length, 6 weeks. Average attendance, 17. Mr. Sanborn was a good and faithful instructor. He appeared to understand his business. Under his management, the school did improve. Could this school have gone on

under his supervision longer, we could not fail to have seen favorable effects from his instruction. But one thing is certain, before there shall be any decided improvement in the school, either morally, socially or intellectually, the war element in the District respecting the school, must subside.

DIST. No. 9, reported by Mr. CLARK. The *Summer Term*, of 16 weeks, was taught by Miss S. EMILY TAYLOR. Average attendance, 16. This school, at both examinations, manifested good order, and at the last examination, shew an improvement in their studies alike creditable to themselves and teacher. Also, a still further improvement in the 24 visits by the members of the district.

The *Winter Term*, of 7 weeks, was taught by Mr. SOLON F. HILL. Average attendance, 21. This school, at its first examination, appeared well in regard to order and manner of instruction, but closing one week earlier than at first expected, was not examined at the close. Number of visits by members of the district, 7.

DIST. No. 10. The primary school was kept, both *Summer* and *Winter Terms*, by Miss MARTHA R. GOODWIN. Length of *Summer Term*, 20 weeks; *Winter Term*, 12 weeks. Average attendance, summer, 37; in winter, 28. We have only to repeat the high appreciation we have expressed in former reports, of the excellence of this school. It seems to be in every way honorable to the teacher and beneficial to the scholars.

The advanced school was kept, in the *Summer Term*, by Miss LUCY R. HILL. Length, 20 weeks. Average attendance, 31. This experienced teacher acquitted herself well in managing the trust committed to her, and the school was successful.

The *Winter Term*, in the advanced department, reports Mr. CLARK, was taught by Mr. N. M. PROCTOR, and continued 12 weeks. His manner of instruction is short lessons, well and thoroughly understood; and his scholars, on examination, shew an advancement in all their studies, alike commendable and highly honorable to themselves and their instructor. The order in the school-house and out of school, alike merit our approbation.

"Tardiness," reports Miss Hill, "is the great fault of her school, and it can be remedied only by the parents. I have also been obliged to divide my time between 25 different classes during the day." She reports 359 instances of tardiness for a term of 20 weeks. This must have exerted an exceedingly bad influence on the school. The parents in the district are earnestly desired to remedy, as far as possible, this evil. The minute division of the school into classes, also, should be remedied. The increase in the number of citizens who have visited the school the past year is gratifying.

The Superintending School Committee will not enlarge their report by offering remarks on the facts now submitted, and the bearing of them on the welfare and prospects of the town and its citizens. We will only add, that the gratifying advance in the efficiency of the pub-

lic schools already secured, should encourage every citizen to effort to urge on still farther this great public interest—to render more effectual the operation of the schools among us.

The district adjacent to No. 10, recently taken from Northfield and annexed to Franklin, should unquestionably be consolidated with No. 10, in order that the whole force of the two districts may be combined in carrying forward the educational work. This, we presume, will be effected without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. T. SAVAGE,	} <i>Sup. School Com-</i>	
JAMES CLARK,		<i>mittee</i>
A. H. MARTIN,		<i>of Franklin.</i>

Franklin, March 1, 1859.

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